

POULTRY

GEESSE QUITE EASILY RAISED

Kept Generally in Small Flocks on Farms and Purchased by Experienced Fatteners.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

There is a demand usually for young geese from June to January, although most of them are sold around Thanksgiving and Christmas. Ten-week-old goslings of the largest breeds of purebred geese weigh up to ten pounds when forced for rapid growth, and sometimes are profitably marketed at that age as green geese. Large cities containing a foreign population offer the best markets for geese.

Geese usually are killed and picked the same as other kinds of poultry, but are much more difficult to pick than chickens. Generally the veins in the back of the mouth are severed with a long-bladed knife, followed with a short club. The wings are picked to the first joint, and the feathers are removed from the neck half way to the head, pulling with the feathers and not back toward the head. The soft pin feathers and fine down may be removed partly by rubbing the body with moistened hands or by shaving the skin.

The dry picking of geese is rather difficult. The most common practice is to scald or steam the goose feathers before picking. This can be done over a wash boiler three-fourths full of boiling water, laying the dead goose on a burlap sack stretched tightly over the boiler, and steaming first the breast, then the back, and then each side. The whole process of steaming will not take more than two or three minutes, and the goose must be kept moving to prevent scalding the flesh. The goose is steamed until the feathers can be pulled out easily, and the head usually is laid under the breast to keep the breast from scalding. After picking, the bird is singed over an alcohol flame, the alcohol usually being burned in shallow tin plates.

Another method for removing the down is to sprinkle powdered rosin over the body of the goose and dip it into hot water, which melts the rosin so that it and the down can be rubbed off easily, leaving the body clean. Geese may also be steamed by scalding slightly and wrapping the body tightly for five minutes or longer in burlap or cloth to allow the steam to work thoroughly through the feathers. Some markets prefer dry-picked geese, while in other markets no difference is made in scalded or dry-picked.

Geese are raised successfully in all parts of the United States, but are most abundant in the South and the Middle West. Slightly more than one-tenth of the farms in the United States reported geese in the census of 1910.



Mature Goose and Partly Grown Goslings Will Get Their Living From a Good Pasture So Long as the Grass Remains Green.

Practically all there are in this country are in small flocks, and few, if any, farms are devoted entirely to their raising. Fattening, however, is conducted as a special business on a large scale in the producing sections, in which case the geese are collected from the general farms, usually over a large area, and fattened for a few weeks before they are killed.

On farms where there is plenty of grass or pasture land geese can be raised successfully in small flocks. A natural supply of water is, of course, essential. The birds are very hardy, both young and old, and rarely are affected by any disease or insect pest. Grass forms the bulk of the feed, and it is doubtful whether it pays to raise them unless it is available. They are the closest known grazers. Both mature geese and partly grown goslings will get their entire living from a good pasture so long as the grass remains green. A body of water where they can swim is considered essential during the breeding season, and is a good feature the rest of the year.

MARKET UNDESIRABLE STOCK

Poultryman Should Go Over Flock and Cull Out Fowls Not Wanted for Winter.

If you have not already done so it will be well to cull out and sell off such stock as you do not intend to winter. In fact, it is generally desirable to have September and October cullings for the purpose of marketing such old and young stock as it will not pay to carry through the winter season.

Uncle Walt's Story

A GREAT HELP

"I SUPPOSE you do your own washing, ma'am?" inquired the steady stranger.

"Yes, I do, although I don't see that it's any of your business," replied Mrs. Curfew, with some warmth.



"I suppose you'll be telling me that you're collecting statistics for a government bureau, or maybe for the state board of health. It seems that the authorities are greatly interested in family matters that don't concern them nowadays, and every day or two somebody comes along asking impertinent questions as to how many children I have, and my maiden name before I was married, and whether there's insanity in the family."

"I'm sick and tired of answering such questions. If my old friends want to dig into my family history, I'll give them all the information they want, although I may consider their conduct in bad taste, but when a perfect stranger comes along and asks me if I do my own washing, I feel that the line must be drawn somewhere. Every Jack in office asks questions. It used to be that the assessor would come to the door politely, and inquire how many dogs we kept, and take our estimate of the value of our property without looking as though he knew we ought to be prosecuted for perjury. But now he must know the color of your grandfather's side whiskers, and if you tell him that you keep no dogs he goes out and looks under the house, and in the barn, and when he comes back he warns you that the penalties for giving false information are severe."

"Mr. Curfew says that the next time the assessor comes, he is going to throw him over the back fence and kick him down the alley for a distance of seven blocks, and I hope he'll keep his word."

"I didn't mean to offend you," said the stranger. "I'm introducing a washing powder that saves half the labor, and dispenses with soap altogether. With this marvelous powder a woman can do the week's washing and have her clothes hung on the line, inside of two hours."

"Well, mister, you take a package of your marvelous powder down to the creek, and give yourself a good scrubbing, for you look as though you had been fishing out of somebody's dustbin. Your whiskers are full of grime. If you were introducing bituminous coal, there might be some excuse for your appearance, but a man who is selling washing powder ought to be like the driven snow, or nobody will have confidence in him."

"And I wouldn't have anything to do with your washing powder if you offered to bring me a wagonload for twenty cents. I make my own soap of lye and grease, and although it isn't endorsed by the crowned heads of Europe, or by prelates or vice presidents, it's the best soap ever made, and I know the ingredients are wholesome, even if they don't comprise barks and buds and healing herbs."

"When I use my own soap, I know the things I wash won't be any the worse for it, but the washing powders sold by agents are made of dynamite and lunar caustic, and a garment once washed with them will never be fit to use again."

"Last spring I was feeling too poorly to make the usual batch of soap, so I bought a package of washing powder from an agent who had his pockets full of testimonials showing that he was a man of high moral character. It happened that week that all of Mr. Curfew's white shirts were in the wash. Mr. Curfew is very particular about his shirts. They must be as white as arctic snow, or the way he raves around the house is a disgrace. Well, I wish you could have seen those shirts after they were washed. They had an old gold color, and have been getting yellower ever since, and Mr. Curfew never sits down but he speaks about it and makes things uncomfortable."

"So you had better toddle along and sell your washing powder to some woman who doesn't know how to make good soap."

World's Supply of Nitrates.
The world's visible supply of nitrates is estimated at 2,102,000 tons.

The Type.
"I heard Mabel said when she married that she had selected the very flower of her admirers. To what particular bloom did she liken him?"
"At first she thought he was the pink of perfection, but when the baby came to claim her attention, he was just a mere poppy."

Neptune's Laundry.
"I would like to see the wash of the sea."
"The best time to do that ought to be when you are crossing the line."

FARM POULTRY

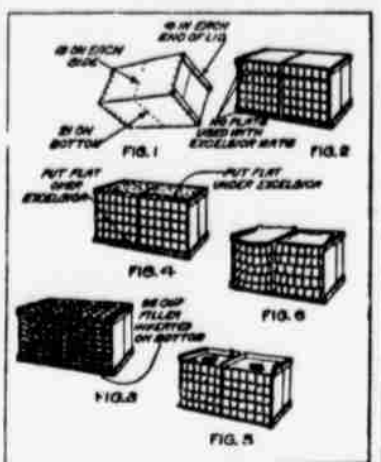
PREVENT BREAKAGE OF EGGS

Plans for Making Better Crates for Shipping Have Been Worked Out by Specialists.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

"Handling Eggs for Profit" is the title of a little mimeographed circular issued by the food research laboratory of the bureau of chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, which gives directions and drawings for the construction of egg cases and outlines methods for packing the eggs so as to reduce loss from breakage while in transit from the producers to consuming centers.

The specialists in the food research laboratory have made a study of methods for packing and shipping eggs in order to reduce the great losses from breakage that have occurred in the past. This work has been done in all parts of the country in co-operation with railroads and with egg shippers.



The Right Method of Nailing Crates is Shown in Fig. 1, Proper Methods of Packing in Fig. 2, 3 and 4—Poorly Made and Packed Crates Are Shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

Experimental shipments in different kinds of shipping cases and with the different methods of packing the eggs in the cases have been made and the results compared. An instrument has been devised for measuring and recording the shocks to which cars containing eggs were subjected while in transit.

As a result of these experiments the specialists have recommended methods of packing eggs which reduce breakage to a minimum. These methods have been tried under a great variety of conditions, and have been incorporated as requirements in the railroad and express classifications for the transportation of eggs.

Nails in place save claims. It is tersely said; and, as shown in figure 1, the number and arrangement of these necessary in order to conform with the requirements of the express and consolidated freight classifications are as follows:

Three-penny nails, cement coated, with large heads.
15 nails for each side, 5 for each end, 6 in center.
21 nails for bottom, 7 in each end, 7 in center.
8 nails for top, 4 in each end, for flush cleat.
6 nails for top, 3 in each end, for drop cleat.

Egg packers are advised to be sure that they use the correct number of nails.
When 6 paper-covered excelsior mats are used, flats should not be placed between the mats and the fillers. When cupped trays made of compressed pulp are employed, it is best to begin by placing one 25-cup filler, receiving side upward, on the bottom of the case. Then place one 16-cup filler, receiving side upward on top, nesting it. Fill the cups with eggs and cover with one 16-cup filler. Then place one 25-cup filler, receiving side upward; fill cups with eggs and cover with a 25-cup filler.

Improper packing invites breakage, and figure 5 illustrates a poorly packed case. Sometimes an extremely thin layer of excelsior, many times a small amount of loose paper, or perhaps nothing at all is placed on the top and bottom, leaving the case loosely packed and the chances for breakage and loss are great. Very frequently such poorly packed cases have broken and stained fillers and flats, and such a combination greatly increases the probability of damage.

POULTRY NOTES

Fresh filling for nest boxes every month is none too often.

Don't expect 200-egg pullets from 100-egg hens. Remember that "like begets like."

Lice, dampness and overfeeding are responsible for the greater part of the heavy mortality in young stock.

Improve the quality of your flocks by purchasing some good fowls from a heavy-laying strain of pure-bred. It will be money well spent.

The best way to kill off lice is to prevent them from getting a start. This is much easier than it is to give them a chance and then fight them afterward.

FASHION DECREES BLACK DRESSES

Our Dyeing Department, in the hands of a most expert dyer, offers you an opportunity to save money. For Five Dollars, or a very little more, you can transform that dress you are about to discard into a wearable, serviceable garment.

Our finishers understand the fine art of pressing and reshaping dyed garments.

SEND IT PARCEL POST

We pay parcel post charges one way on orders amounting to \$5.00 or over.

SWISS CLEANERS & DYERS, Louisville, Ky.

CORPORAL ROBERT E. DEATON

Killed Accidentally While On Duty

A grim tragedy attended the calling of Company G. to Newport, Ky., where a strike is in progress at the rolling mills.

On Saturday, while on duty, Corporal Deaton was drilling the squad with Sgt. Charles Black to his left. The command was given to shoulder arms, preparatory to the order to march. The butt end of the rifle carried by Sgt. Black caught the holster of the pistol he was wearing. The flap was open for quick action and the pistol fell out of the holster striking the ground and discharging. The bullet struck Corporal Deaton in the chin and came out at the side of the head near the top. He died within a few minutes. Sgt. Black is prostrated at the accident which ended the life of his chum.

Deceased is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Deaton and is a brother of McKinley Deaton, Knox County's first war hero, who fell on the soil of France. He was born June 4th, 1902, and was 19 years, 5 months and 24 days old when the accident occurred.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. H. Blackburn, Tuesday, December 27th, at 1 P.M. Members of Company G. and ex-service men participating.

Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family who have so recently felt the sorrow of loss. The mother is in a serious condition due to the shock.

NATIONAL THRIFT WEEK

January 17-23, 1922

What is it:

A national movement fostered by the National Thrift Week Committee of the Y. M. C. A. and in co-operation with over 30 Civic, Commercial, Educational and Religious National organizations.

The Purpose:
To stimulate the individual to think straight and act wisely in regard to personal money matters in the realm of earning, spending, saving, investing and giving.

For further information communicate with your local or district Y. M. C. A. Secretary or write Geo. T. Anderson, State Thrift Week Sec., 345 Association Building, Louisville.

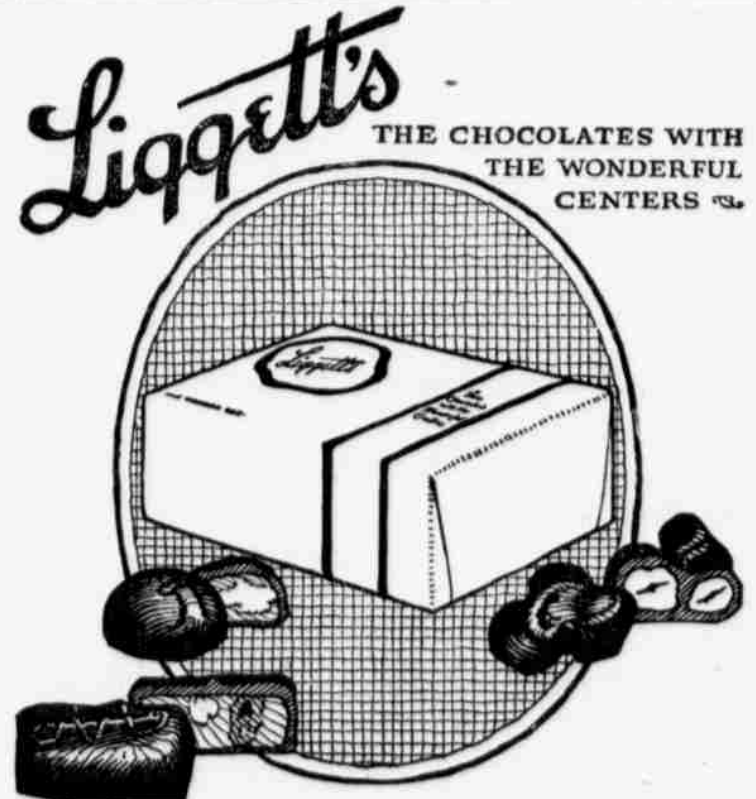
\$100 REWARD

I will pay a reward of \$100 for the arrest of Luster Hensley, wanted at Place, Knox County, Ky.

Description: About 24 or 26 years of age, about 5 feet, 6 inches in height, fair complexion, blue eyes prominent nose and goes clean shaved.

The money for the reward is now in the First National Bank at Corbin, Kentucky.

W. W. DUGGER, Place, Ky. 91-tp



EVERY candy in this smart orange-and-gold Wonder-box is one that everybody likes. All the "second choices" have been left out. Delicious, fresh nuts, creams, fruits, caramels, marshmallows, etc., dipped in rich brown chocolate. Take "her" a box today.

HERNDON DRUG CO.
The Rexall Store

part of drainage, grading, engineering and other costs uniform to said street as a whole.

Section 3.—Upon approval and publication of this Ordinance, the City Treasurer shall give notice by one publication in the Mountain Advocate, a newspaper published in said city, of the apportionment of the cost of said improvement against the parcels of land abutting thereon requiring all such owners to pay the taxes herein assessed against their respective parcels of real estate within thirty days next after the publication of this Ordinance, or to make the election to pay in installments of ten equal payments and enter into contract to that effect as hereinafter provided.

The local taxes herein assessed and levied may, at the option of the property owner, be payable in cash without interest within said thirty days, or in ten equal annual installments as herein provided. Any property owner who desires to exercise which privilege of payment by installments, shall, before the expiration of thirty days from the date of publication of this Ordinance, enter into an agreement in writing with the City of Barbourville that in consideration of such privilege, he will make no objection to any irregularity or irregularity with regard to the taxes against his said property and that he will pay the same in the manner herein provided with specified interest. In cases where such agreements have not been filed with in the time limited above, the entire tax shall be payable in cash without interest before the expiration of said thirty days. Any such tax not paid within said time shall bear 6% interest per annum from the date of the publication of this Ordinance and a penalty of 10% additional upon the amount of said tax, or any part thereof, not paid within said thirty days.

In case any one or more of said property owners shall elect to pay said tax in ten equal annual installments the same shall be payable as follows:

One tenth of said tax with interest at 6% per annum, on the entire tax, at the time fixed by law for the payment of General City Taxes for the year 1922 and annually thereafter one tenth of the entire tax. At the end of six months from the time of the first installment of the tax becomes due, interest shall be due and payable for six months on all unpaid installments of said tax and likewise annually thereafter said interest compounds semi-annually. Any person may, however, at any interest paying period next after the fifth annual installment of his tax becomes due, pay the entire assessment remaining unpaid of such tax against his property with accrued interest.

Passed November 16, 1921.
Approved November 16, 1921.
THOMAS D. TINSLEY, Mayor.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, Jan. 1st, 1922

11 A.M. Subject, "The Blood Shed for Many." The Evangelistic Value of the Lord's Supper. The Church will observe the Lord's Supper in connection with this service. Let every member be present who possibly can.

7 P.M. "God's X-Rays." The house should be filled to hear this message, which the pastor has used to influence many souls in his evangelistic work.

9:45 A.M. Yes, we are expecting, fully 250 in Sunday School the first day of the New Year. Enough of us could make it more.

6:15 P.M. The B. Y. P. U. welcomes one and all into the training service.

The pastor and his family appreciate the beautiful gifts and kindly remembrances Christmas. Now may 1922 bring each of you 365 days of peace, pleasure and prosperity. Ask God to help you make your New Year's Resolutions.

BIMBLE NEWS

The Old Year will soon be going out bringing in the new and an opportunity for each of us to improve on the last. —Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Allen are at home from Harlan to spend the holidays with home folks. —Born to Mr. and Mrs. Josh Calahan, a ten pound girl. Josh is wearing a great big smile. —Miss Dora Miller and Loss Morris, of Harlan, were married by Rev. Blackburn at the home of the bride. They will soon take their leave for Harlan to make their future home. Everyone is wishing the remainder of their days to be their happiest. —Miss Cleada Allen of this place and Ed Ridner have both been in Harlan for some time. They came to Pineville Saturday and took a car from there to Cumberland Gap where they were married returning to Middleboro Saturday night and on to Barbourville Sunday morning and then to the bride's home where they met their many friends and a nice dinner was served.